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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

--According to the present invention, a technique including a method and system for identifying an entity with an expertise is provided. In an example, the invention provides a method for web based searching of a database or databases in the health care field. The database can be selected from custom or commercial databases, e.g., Medline, etc.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 20 with the following amended claim:

- 1 20. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the entities affiliated
2 with one or more documents include institutions affiliated with the one or more
3 documents.

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